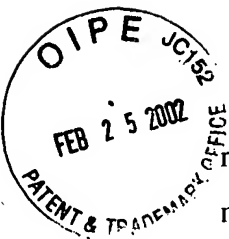


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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method and system is disclosed for managing commitments, reducing measurement error, and making safe disclosures. The method and system address the problems of managing commitments, reducing measurement error, and making safe disclosures by providing three inter-related facilities. The first facility is a contingent commitment facility that enables users to formulate and submit sets of contingent commitments and tests those sets for logical consistency and syntactical correctness. The second facility is a valuation facility that enables users to estimate the value of an arbitrary collection of assets, liabilities, or other quantities. The third facility is a negotiation facility that enables two agents to bilaterally negotiate while protecting their negotiation strategy and allowing the agents to form a binding legal contract on the basis of the negotiation.

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receiving by said computer a request from an agent to negotiate with another agent;
notifying an agent by said computer of an opportunity to negotiate with another agent;

receiving by said computer data related to a negotiation between two agents;
performing a calculation to determine whether the negotiation produces a value
acceptable to said agents;
notifying said agents of the outcome of a negotiation; and
facilitating real-time communication between agents before, during, and after the
negotiation session.

18. The method of claim 17, wherein said calculations are facilitated by one or more
computers.